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TOPIC Werneuchen Airfield

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25X1 [redacted] between 14 and 25 March 1952, 90 tank cars with fuel from Riesa Harbor were shunted to Werneuchen airfield. (1) During the same period, six special trains with gravel arrived from the direction of Wriezen. Every day, 500 to 600 tons of gravel arrived on regular freight trains, and 200 to 500 additional tons of gravel arrived on the regular freight train from Lichtenberg. Every other day, the shuttle freight train hauled 1,000 tons of gravel to the field. (2)

- 25X1 2. The following railroad tank cars arrived [redacted] in Werneuchen: 25X1 (3)

| Date | Number of Tank Cars |
|----------|---------------------|
| 23 March | 10 |
| 26 March | 4 |
| 28 March | 8 |
| 29 March | / |
| 31 March | 13 |
| 1 April | 2 (1) |

On 24 March, a boxcar with military goods arrived [redacted] 25X1
No incoming shipments were observed on 25, 27 and 30 March and 2 April.

3. On 19 March, fuel was transferred from 15 tank cars into a fuel container in the fuel dump. About 3:45 p.m. on 24 March, seven fuel trucks, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] hauled fuel from the fuel dump.

4. On 27 March, six jet bombers practiced flying between 8 a.m. and noon, and 2 biplanes flew between 3 and 4 p.m. Air activity observed on 28 March included take-offs and landings by 26 jet bombers between 7 a.m. and noon, landings by 26 jet bombers between 1 and 4 p.m., and the landing of a twin-engine plane at 2 and 3:30 p.m. respectively. Between 8 and 10 a.m. on 29 March, seven jet bombers took off and five jet bombers landed at the field. There was no flying on 31 March. On 1 April, two twin-engine planes took off at 3:30 p.m., but no landing was observed up to 4:30 p.m. Between 4 and 11 p.m., 27 jet bombers practiced taking off and landing. Three jet

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bombers took off and landed between 8 a.m. and noon on 2 April. Two biplanes took off at 2 p.m. On 3 April, six jet bombers took off and landed between 7 a.m. and noon and two twin-engine aircraft took off at 11 a.m. On 4 April, there was local flying by 16 jet bombers from 8 a.m. to noon and by 11 jet bombers from 1 to 5 p.m. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] On 5 April, 13 jet bombers took off and landed between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m., 2 biplanes took off at 7 a.m., and one twin-engine plane each took off at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

5. At 1:30 p.m. on 24 March, six four-axle and rubber tired guns with a barrel lengths of about 3.5 meters and a caliber of about 65-mm were towed by trucks to the field. Each truck was occupied by 6 to 8 men. [REDACTED]

6. At 7 a.m. on 28 March, a siren sounded the alert at the field, whereupon 28 aircraft were immediately started. The aircraft were arranged in groups of three, two side by side and the third plane in the middle behind. The first flight took off at 7:10 a.m. after the take-off order was given [REDACTED]. The other flights took off at short intervals. The last plane [REDACTED] was considerably lighter in color than the other aircraft. The aircraft of the first flight [REDACTED] took off in this order. It took about 10 minutes before the planes were assembled in a formation at an altitude of about 1,500 meters. The formation returned at about 2 p.m., and broke up at an altitude of 800 meters. The planes landed individually and taxied to the hardstands. (4)

7. During the period of observation, a total of 482 men, including office personnel were employed for construction work at the field.

8. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) According to previous experience, it is believed that the total number of incoming fuel shipments can be observed only at the airfields.
(2) The information on incoming construction material gives an indication of the large scale construction activity which includes the building of a second taxiway and the completion of leveling work.

- (4) The aircraft of the bomber regiment took off for Brand airfield from which they again took off for bomb practices over a bomb range north of Cottbus.

(5) [REDACTED]

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